

Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis to Switch to Single-Sort Recycling in 2013

Next year, recycling in Minneapolis will get easier, helping both residents and the environment. The Minneapolis City Council and Mayor R.T. Rybak have approved moving forward to implement a single-sort recycling collection program for City of Minneapolis residential recycling customers. Single-sort recycling is a system in which customers put all of their recyclables into one container for collection instead of separating glass from plastic from paper, etc. A study conducted for the City of Minneapolis compared single-sort, dual-sort (separating paper products from everything else) and our current "multi-sort" system, and it found that single-sort recycling is the most cost-effective of the three systems studied and the most convenient for customers.

Getting a new system in place will take time, and customers will see a changeover sometime in 2013. Until the new system is in place, Minneapolis recycling customers should continue separating their recycling. But once single-sort recycling starts, City of Minneapolis residential recycling customers will need only one container for all of their recycling.

Based on case studies, a single-sort system is projected to increase materials recovered by 60 percent and increase the Minneapolis recycling rate from 18.1 percent to 32 percent. It is also compatible with plans to add opt-in City recycling for multi-unit housing, which is not currently under the City of Minneapolis recycling program, and the option to add organics recycling in the future.

For more information on the recycling collection, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling



Solar Power Workshop

Are you thinking about installing solar at your home or business? At a free workshop, you can hear from a panel of people who have had solar installed on their home or business, find out about incentives and rebates for installing solar and get resources to start your solar energy project.

Solar works workshop

6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 5 Neighborhood Hub, Christ English Church, 3210 Oliver Ave. N. To RSVP, visit http://minneapolisnorthsolarworks.eventbrite.com. **Contact Us**

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Three Collection Events Scheduled this Summer for Household Hazardous Products

Minneapolis residents cleaning out their basements or reclaiming their garages can safely get rid of household hazardous materials at three collection events this summer. From paint, aerosol cans and pesticides to batteries and items containing mercury (for instance, thermostats and fluorescent bulbs), a lot of everyday products used at home cannot go in the trash. Hazardous wastes can harm humans and wildlife and pollute our air and water. Three collection events convenient for Minneapolis residents are:

- June 7 9 in St. Louis Park at the corner of Highway 7 and Louisiana Avenue.
- July 26 28 at Dunwoody College of Technology.
- August 16 18 at Pillsbury School.

For details and a list of materials accepted at the collection events, visit **www.hennepin.us/collectionevents**.

At any time of year, Hennepin County residents can take similar items to Hennepin County facilities. Find locations and more information at **www.hennepin.us/dropoffs**.

Hennepin County organizes collection events in cooperation with Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling throughout the year to give residents more convenient, local disposal options for their household hazardous wastes. For information on how City of Minneapolis recycling customers can safely dispose of all everyday items, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/whattodo



Penn Avenue Community Works Project Approved by Hennepin County Board

The Hennepin County Board approved the Penn Avenue Community Works Project, which will be located along Penn Avenue between Highway 55 and 44th Avenue North. The project aims to further stimulate economic recovery, beautification, livability and job creation in north Minneapolis.

This stretch of Penn Avenue is the home of major housing and neighborhood activity centers providing commercial services and employment opportunities to surrounding neighborhoods. The project is strategically located to serve as a focal point for redevelopment in north Minneapolis and assist recovery from the destructive forces of the 2011 tornado, the foreclosure crisis and the current economic recession. A plan for the project will be developed throughout the next four months, including project goals, participating organizations, an organizational structure, work plan and budget.

2012 Water Main Cleaning and Lining

As part of an ongoing Capital Improvement Program, Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division is cleaning and cement mortar lining water main throughout the City this summer. We will be cleaning and lining approximately 35,000 feet of water main, some of which is being done in conjunction with Paving projects. In addition, later this summer

we will be installing structural liners in about 5500 feet of water main. Structural liners are used to fully rehabilitate old pipe with a history of leaks to structurally sound condition. The process used is similar to the CIPP work performed by Surface Water and Sewers but uses products approved for potable water. In the 4th Ward, the project area is Shingle Creek South-From Penn Ave. to Humboldt Ave. and from railroad tracks to 44th Ave. N. Residents and businesses in each project area will be notified with a letter describing the expected outcome as well as the steps involved to complete the work. These system improvements are paid from water revenue and will not be assessed. For additional details about this year's Cleaning and Lining project, please

visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-091345



Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to Minneapolis 311

Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information.

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Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	163
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	60
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	43
4	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	41
5	Regulatory Services	Parking Violation Complaint	21